Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What is the policy of the Government in nominating members.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Unrepresented communities and unrepresented interests are given representations.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is it to give a term to every unrepresented community in the State ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: As far as possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What exactly is the objection of the Government to accept the position pointed out by the Hon'ble Member, namely, to reserve seats in the general election for these minorities ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is a larger question, and the Government can answer that only after sufficient notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is this not sufficient notice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: This question must have been sent at least 12 days ago and if the Government had no time to consider to this all important question we are helpless.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Have not the government reserved Rs. 2,000 for general elections next year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We have provided.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: In view of the possibility of an election next year will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of reserving seats for each community to be filled by election by those communities ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We will consider.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is the government giving up the idea of nomination and making every seat elected ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: These questions must be considered leisurely. The question was raised just now. We have not had any time to come to a definite conclusion.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Will the Government be pleased to ascertain the views of the minorities ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That will be the first thing to be done.

CHALAKKUDI RIVER—BUNDING OF

9. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to bund up the Chalakkudi river at Ezhattumukham;

(*b*) if so, will it not affect the riparian rights of the people living on either side of the river, down Ezhattumukham;

(*c*) have the Government considered the possibility of the reduction of the flow of water down Ezhattumukham;

(*d*) is it not more advantageous to the State, if the bunding up is done somewhere on the upper side of Ezhattumukham?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) There is a proposal to divert a portion of the water of the Chalakkudi river for irrigation purposes at a place called Thumburumuzhi about 1 mile higher up Ezhattumukham.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) All aspects have been considered.

(*d*) The site of the diversion is above Ezhattumukham.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is the Government aware that there is an apprehension in the people of Chalakkudi that if this scheme is executed in dry season, *i. e.*, in Meenam and Medam, there will be no water in the lower side of the river. The river will be completely dried up. That is the apprehension felt by many people in our parts.

Mr. President: It is better to ask these supplementary questions tomorrow when the Hon'ble Member for Engineering will be present.

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